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1. The Yugoslav authorities have become alarmed over the high number of desertions from the Yugoslav armed forces in recent months. The rate of desertions has been slow but steady, reaching its highest peaks when the weather is good, in spite of the preventive measures adopted by the authorities. 25X1
2. Some deserters succeed in reaching Western countries by escaping police vigilance at the frontier. Others hide out in the country itself and are assisted by the people.
3. A listing of military deserters is maintained by the People's Militia in Ljubljana. Inasmuch as this is a listing of the desertions from military units stationed in the western part of Yugoslavia, the data contained is not complete. The following list, covering the period 1 January to 30 September 1955, records that a total of 56 men deserted during this ten month period:

5 officers - 1 Infantry Captain, 1 Infantry Lieutenant, 1 River Navy Captain, 1 Air Force Lieutenant, and 1 Air Force 2nd Lieutenant

2 officer candidates

12 NCO's

37 EM's

A breakdown by months is as follows:

January - 6  
February - 5  
March - 4  
April - 3  
May - 8  
June - 10  
July - 8  
August - 6  
September - 6

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